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1. Current gossip in Hungarian Communist circles includes the speculation that the Russians may leave Hungary "to avoid a war with the West". In the middle ranks of the Party the possibility is being discussed that the Party will be overthrown and its members interned after the Soviet withdrawal; in such a case, it is believed, the leaders of the Party would escape to the U.S.S.R., the lowest ranks would be exonerated, and the professional Party workers would be made the scapegoats.
2. At present the Russians are forcing an increase in industrial and agricultural production, at the expense of the Party program for the Communization of Hungary. If such exploitation continues, it is predicted, Ernő Gerő will fall from power, but Mátyás Rákosi, as a "realist", will strengthen his position with support from Moscow.

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